

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 143–148 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The new claims, as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these claims are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 1-142 are canceled.

Claims 122 and 127 were objected to because of various informalities. As these claims have been canceled, this objection is now moot.

Claims 122 and 124-132 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims and added new claims 143–148 which correct the issues cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, this objection is now moot.

Claims 90, 122, and 127 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by MacKay et al. (U.S. Patent 5,148,154). Claims 123-126 and 128-132 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over MacKay in view of Duffy et al. (U.S. Patent 5,339,393). The present invention displays “graphical user interfaces including a clip tree

window for graphically displaying a tree structure indicating links between said plurality of clips;" (Claim 146; Claim 143 contains similar limitations) The clip tree window is shown in Figures 10-12 and described in the specification on pages 38-40. As shown in Figure 4, the tree structure of the present invention not only indicates the links between clips, but also indicates the type of processing performed on each clip. MacKay does not discuss an analogous tree structure between clips. As noted by the Examiner, Duffy discloses a hierarchical structure between clips at Figures 3a-e; Column 7, lines 13-19) However, at the cited location, Duffy simply shows the end-to-end links between clips, which is significantly different from the tree structure of the present invention. Importantly, the present invention's tree structure accommodates linked branches that allow for advanced processing function such as composite editing. (See e.g. Figure 26) Moreover, the present invention graphically displays the tree structure in a clip tree window. Neither MacKay nor Duffy discloses a comparable clip tree display. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, MacKay and Duffy fail to anticipate or obviate the present invention and claims 143-148 should be allowed.

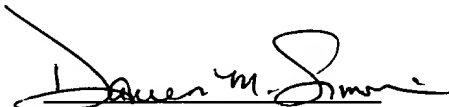
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

An extension of time fee is deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment. No additional fees are anticipated, but if such are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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